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The Honorable Ryan Keith Zinke
United States Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

On behalf of The Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, I would like to invite you to serve as a keynote speaker at our 2017 Spring Legal Strategy Forum (LSF). The LSF is a two-day biannual gathering of about 45 CEOs and chief legal officers of top organizations connected to our nation's freedom-based public interest legal movement. I am sure you are familiar with many of the organizations – The Federalist Society, Mountain States Legal Foundation, Pacific Legal Foundation, James Madison Center for Free Speech, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Institute for Justice, among others. We bring them together to discuss timely and practical legal reform issues and ways in which they can increase their effectiveness, both in court and in the court of public opinion. The conference will be held on May 11-12 at the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs. We would be delighted if you would serve as our lunch speaker on May 12 at 12:30p.m.

If you could spare the time, we thought our attendees would greatly enjoy hearing from you. Our participants are made up of organizations that are in the trenches working to defend property rights, religious liberty, free speech, and other constitutional issues. We generally recommend prepared remarks of about 25-30 minutes, followed by Q&A of about the same amount of time. Past LSF speakers have included Justice Clarence Thomas, Professor Eugene Volokh, Judge Alex Kozinski, Senator Tom Cotton, Justice Anthony Kennedy, Justice Samuel Alito, Paul Clement, Judge Ray Randolph, Judge Janice Rogers Brown, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert Young, and Judge Carlos Bea, among others. We would be delighted to add your name to that list.

We will call your office soon to follow up with this invitation, but please do not hesitate to call me should you have any questions. I can be reached at (202) 608-6181. Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Ed Meese
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